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House Bill 39

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Sellier of the 136th, Gardner of the 57th, Hill of the 180th, Day of the 163rd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 48-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
- 2 excise tax on tobacco products, so as to increase the amount of such tax with respect to
- 3 cigarettes and loose or smokeless tobacco; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 SECTION 1.

- 6 Code Section 48-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the excise tax
- 7 on tobacco products, is amended by revising paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (a) as
- 8 follows:

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- 9 "(3) Cigarettes: $\frac{37}{6}$ \$1.37 per pack of 20 cigarettes and a like rate, pro rata, for other size
- packages; and
- 11 (4) Loose or smokeless tobacco: <u>25</u> 10 percent of the wholesale cost price, exclusive of
- any trade, cash, or other discounts or any promotion, advertising, display, or similar
- 13 allowances."

14 SECTION 2.

15 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.